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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement : Illegal Behavior: Proven. Punishment Urges More Illegal Behavior?

Dear Justice Department,

I am truly frightened by the situation highlighted by the Microsoft Antitrust Trial. I have read the many variations of settlements that have been published and have been disturbed by the lack of force inherent in the proposed remedies. Most do nothing that would conceivably deter Microsoft from continuing it's Proven Illegal anti-competitive practices and furthermore, would do next to nothing that would reasonably punish them for their illegal actions nor would it do anything to help rectify the situation (i.e. make the computing market a more competitive one).

My impression is that any settlement that Microsoft agrees to would be one that does the minimum amount of damage to their business model. My Question to you is this: would you try to come to an agreement with a murderer about his proposed sentence after being proven guilty? Would you truly let the Criminal have a say in their punishment? It strikes me as a Parent asking their child what sort of punishment they should have for doing something bad. The Child will very often opt for a punishment such as letting them watch more tv or some other action they like. It's silly.

Please do your best to be just and fair. If a corporation can be considered to possess the rights of a natural person then they should be considered burdened with the same responsibilities. Illegal actions should lead to sanctions aimed at first stopping the illegal behavior and then to a rectification of the situation. Efforts should not be wasted on appeasing the "wounded" transgressor. Please help me have faith in our government. Please do your job to the best of your abilities. I know that your position is a difficult one, but the fate of all of us, in some part, is in your hands.

Yours in seeking justice and fairness,

Israel C. Evans.